IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicant: Yoshitomo TOKUMOTO et al. Conf.: Appl. No.: 10/081,518 Group: 2855 Filed: February 25, 2002 Examiner: OppAVIS ROTATIONAL ANGLE DETECTING DEVICE, For: TORQUE DETECTING DEVICE AND STEERING APPARATUS STATUS INQUIRY Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Please advise the undersigned as to the status of the aboveidentified application as follows: A duplicate copy of the present Status Inquiry is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that the duplicate copy be marked appropriately to indicate the status of the aboveidentified application and returned to the undersigned as soon as possible. Please call Sharon Perry, at 703-205-8090 extension 6666 if there are any questions with regard to the present request. Respectfully submitted, BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP Michael K. Mutter P.O. Box 747 MKM/EAG/bsh

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